

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 1
SECTION: 4.2
TITLE: MEDS BY MAIL (MbM)

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I. DESCRIPTION

Meds by Mail (MbM). This program, established in December 1995, enables eligible beneficiaries to purchase **maintenance** medications through a VA mail-order program rather than from a local, private pharmacy.

II. POLICY

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1. Beneficiaries may be eligible to participate only if the other health insurance (OHI) certification form has been completed and indicates the beneficiary does not have OHI prescription drug coverage.

Note: If OHI is Medicare or CHAMPVA supplemental insurance, the beneficiary is eligible to participate in the MbM program.

2. Beneficiaries submit their prescription forms to the MbM Program serviced by the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

3. Pharmacists access software located at the Health Administration Center (HAC) to verify beneficiary eligibility and confirm that the prescribed drug is CHAMPVA authorized. The appropriate information regarding the prescription is then entered into the HAC housed software and the data **is** transmitted to the Leavenworth Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) for filling of the prescription.

4. The drug must be FDA approved (see [Chapter 2, Section 22.1, Pharmacy](#)).

5. The CMOP is reimbursed for the actual VA cost of the prescriptions filled. Payment is made to the CMOP on a quarterly basis through the transferring of disbursing authority (TDA) process.

6. **There is no beneficiary cost share or deductible requirement.**

END OF POLICY